

REPAVING PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE.

MESSAGE

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

ASSIGNING

Reasons for withdrawing his approval from the bill of the House (H. R. 4085) for repaving Pennsylvania avenue.

AUGUST 15, 1876.—Referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia and ordered to be printed.

To the House of Representatives :

I herewith return House bill No. 4085 without my approval. The repeal of the clause in the original bill for paving Pennsylvania avenue, fixing the time for the completion of the work by December 1, 1876, is objectionable in this, that it fixes no date when the work is to be completed.

Experience shows that where contractors have unlimited time to complete any given work, they consult their own convenience and not the public good. Should Congress deem it proper to amend the present bill in such manner as to fix the date for the completion of the work to be done by any date between December 1 and close of my official term, it will receive my approval.

U. S. GRANT.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, August 15, 1876.

FORTY-FOURTH CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

AT THE FIRST SESSION, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, ON MONDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1875.

AN ACT to repeal part of section five of an act entitled "An act authorizing the repavement of Pennsylvania avenue," approved July nineteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all that part of section five of an act entitled "An act authorizing the repavement of Penn-

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sylvania avenue," approved July nineteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, which provides "that said pavement shall be fully completed and ready for use December first, eighteen hundred and seventy-six," be and the same is hereby repealed.

MILTON SAYLER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives pro tempore.

T. W. FERRY,

President of the Senate pro tempore.

I certify that this act originated in the House of Representatives.
Attest:

GEO. M. ADAMS,

Clerk.